

ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC EXPOSITION

1909 - SEATTLE WORLD'S FAIR - 2009

**With Carla Rickerson, Pacific Northwest Curator at the
University of Washington**

October marks the end of the Centennial Celebration for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, held on the University of Washington campus, which was largely undeveloped at the time. This exposition highlighted the importance of the Pacific Rim to world trade. Two years passed from the initial groundbreaking for the exposition grounds until opening day. Over 3.7 million visitors entered through the opening gates of the fair. The main building, the U.S. Government building, housed exhibits brought from the Smithsonian.

Twenty-five years ago, Carla Rickerson created an exhibit for the AYPE's 75th anniversary. For the current celebration, she has been instrumental in the creation of several exhibits for the centennial of the AYPE. These exhibits are currently housed in the Suzzallo/Allen libraries: *The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition: When the World Came to Campus*, *Women's Work at the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition* and *Capturing the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition: Frank H. Nowell, Exposition Photographer*. These exhibits will be open to the public through Wednesday, October 27th.

Please join us as we learn about life in 1909 Seattle, and the impact the AYPE made on the Pacific Northwest.

Thursday, October 22, 2009

6:30 pm

doors open at 6:00 pm

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Tumwater, Washington

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